

Iron County Register

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BRANTON, MISSOURI.

Since 1892 no newspapers have been printed on Sunday in Norway, and since 1895 no bread has been baked on that day.

Since the beginning of the war the Japanese government has encouraged gold mining. The result has been over \$5,000,000 worth of gold in Japan and nearly as much in Formosa.

Lions in captivity are affected by bad weather just as human beings are. A rainy day will make him limp and listless, while a glimpse of sunshine restores their spirit wonderfully.

Late experience in the British navy has suggested that loathsome disease may be spread by tattooing, and those who must decorate in this way are warned that the needles should be sterilized.

Dr. Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, is visiting California. He says the plans for the new library of the University of California indicate that that library will be the best in all American colleges.

The price has been put on the head of the American eagle in Tehama county, California. The board of supervisors offers a reward of \$1 for the head of each of the great birds on the petition of the sheep men, who have lost many lambs by eagles.

Paris possesses a curious social organization with an odd purpose. It is a band of prosperous tradesmen, who agree to trade with one another to the utmost extent possible, and when necessary to help one another with loans without interest. The clique calls itself "The Tranquil Fathers."

Exportation from the Philippine islands of the dried kernel of the coconut, known as copra, is shown by the recent Philippine census to be steadily increasing and promises to become of great commercial importance. The value of the exports of copra and coconuts for 1902 was \$2,701,783.

While cotton cloths form the principal item in our exports to China, raw cotton contributes by far the largest item in our exports to Japan, though the cotton fluctuates considerably from year to year, according to the level of prices prevailing in the United States. When the price of American cotton becomes approximately high, Japan purchases a large share of her raw cotton from India, that cotton being of a shorter staple and therefore lower in price.

The emigration statistics for Ireland for the year 1904 furnish melancholy reading, in that they show how Ireland continues to lose some of the best of her population. Last year 36,902 natives of Ireland, a number equivalent to 8.3 per 1,000 of the population, left their homes, the vast majority to go to the United States or Canada. The total of 36,902 is a slight falling off as compared with several recent years, and is, indeed, the smallest aggregate since 1895.

Abyssinia is to be considered one of the great markets of the near future. The country has a population of nearly 4,000,000, and under the progressive and enlightened rule of King Menelik is making rapid strides toward a high grade of civilization. Europeans are called in as heads of government departments, the silver monetary standard is being introduced, the establishment of branches of European banks is planned, and European merchants are induced to locate. The Abyssinians have adopted the telephone, the telegraph and quick-firing weapons.

The first commander in chief of the first navy of the 13 American colonies was Commodore Esch Hopkins, of Rhode Island. The continental congress commissioned him commodore, Washington formally and officially addressed him as admiral. His commission dated from December 22, 1775, enough to make him the father of the navy. Paul Jones was named as the senior first lieutenant in the fleet under the command of Commodore Hopkins. Command rank did not come to him until October 10, 1776.

Nannie Gibson, a barefooted 11-year-old girl, who lives with her parents in the Black mountains of North Carolina, is to be given a college education by the Southern railway, which will also provide for her in other ways. Some time ago a big slide occurred on the mountain while she was home alone. She ran down the railroad waving her red petticoat. A heavy train was stopped by her ten feet from where the mountain had caved in. Below was an abyss several thousand feet deep, that meant instant death to every one on board.

The total expense of operating baseball in the United States as an organized sport is in the neighborhood of \$7,000,000, according to the estimate of those best posted, which means that approximately 25,000,000 paid admissions must be received before the team owners can break even on their investments, not counting interest.

The fact remains that nearly one-half of the baseball club owners of the United States lose money every year. The teams that are beaten in the playing, even in the great leagues, are lucky to escape heavy financial losses.

The state of Texas will put on sale on the first of next September a body of land which is larger than many European principalities. The land in question embraces 6,000,000 acres, or some 9,400 square miles. In a body it is bigger than either the state of Massachusetts or New Jersey. The territory in question has for years past been leased by the state to cattlemen for grazing their herds. It lies in Western Texas, and much of it is splendidly adapted to agriculture. The land will be sold only to bona fide settlers.

EASTERN MONROE DOCTRINE.



ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE

Programme For the Peace Envoys' Visit to Oyster Bay.

After Reception By the President and Luncheon at Board the May-22-23 Will Go to Portsmouth.

Washington, July 28.—Arrangements have been completed here for conveying the peace envoys of Russia and Japan from New York to Oyster Bay, where they will be received by the president, and from there to Portsmouth, N. H.

According to the official announcement, the Russian plenipotentiaries and suite will embark on the cruiser Chattenoga, commanded by Commander Sharp, at the foot of Twenty-third street, New York city, at 9 a. m. on August 5, the Japanese plenipotentiaries embarking at the same point on the cruiser Tacoma, commanded by Commander R. F. Nicholson, an hour later, arriving at Oyster Bay within half an hour of one another.

After the luncheon to be given by the president on the Mayflower is over and the president has departed, the Japanese plenipotentiaries and suite will embark on the Dolphin, commanded by Commander Gibbons, the Russian plenipotentiaries and suite remaining on the Mayflower, when they will proceed to Portsmouth, conveyed by the cruiser Galveston, commanded by Commander W. G. Cutler.

On the morning of the 7th they will be received by the admiral commanding the Portsmouth navy yard, within which the negotiations for peace are to be conducted.

RESCUED JUST IN TIME

Thrilling Experience of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kelly During a Fire in St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 28.—Encompassed by flames on every side, and with the single passage of escape shut off, George A. Kelly, an electrician of 3215A Olive street, with his right hand tightly grasping a frail window shutter, his left arm encircling the waist of his wife, suspended himself and his almost unconscious burden over the edge of the window sill of the second-story of their home.

Then the salvage corps arrived with ladders and rescued the almost exhausted man and his living burden from their perilous position. Just as the ladder was hoisted flames and smoke broke out of the window, blinding the firemen and burning Mrs. Kelly's hands. Mr. Kelly's arms and hands were blistered, and his fingers had begun to relax their grasp on the frail shutter, and had his rescuers arrived a minute later he would have been compelled to drop with his wife to the sidewalk from sheer exhaustion.

NORWAY ASKS RECOGNITION

Its Government Must Be Stable Before United States Will Recognize It.

Washington, July 27.—Through C. Hauge, until about a month ago the first secretary of the Sweden and Norway legation here, this government has received what is thought to be a virtual request that President Roosevelt recognize the government of Norway. Mr. Hauge resigned his position in the diplomatic service of Sweden and Norway to become representative here of the new Norwegian government. Representations to the state department, made by him, have been transmitted to President Roosevelt, and are now at Oyster Bay awaiting action.

The United States government will make a careful investigation of the status of the new government before taking any definite steps.

Kewanee Votes Library Bonds. Kewanee, Ill., July 27.—At a special election, Kewanee township voted by a large majority to issue bonds for \$15,000 to buy a site and an equipment for a new library building to be erected with money given by Andrew Carnegie.

Want More For Carrying Mails. St. Louis, July 27.—Unless the government increases the rate for transportation of the mail to 25 cents a mile the United Railways Co. (street car line) will terminate its contract for carrying mails on streets cars.

Blames Love of a Woman. St. Louis, July 27.—Charles Melancon, 19, is held here on the charge of stealing \$500 worth of diamonds from his brother in New York. The youth says "the love of a woman brought me here."

The Bride of a Year. St. Louis, July 27.—Mrs. Mary Hurt, 22, a bride of a year, must serve one year in the workhouse. She visited Mrs. Driscoll, and departed with Mrs. Driscoll's bustle, in which was hidden \$300.

A FRIGHTFUL CALAMITY

Twenty-Three Persons Killed as the Result of a Railway Collision at Liverpool, England.

Liverpool, July 28.—An electric express train on the Lancashire & Yorkshire railroad bound from Liverpool to Southampton, collided, Thursday evening, with an empty stationary train at the Hall road station, causing the death of 23 persons and the injury of many. The first car of the express, which was crowded, was smashed to pieces and only six of its occupants escaped. The road was recently given an electric equipment.

Almost immediately after the crash the wreckage burst into flames. The mangled bodies of the dead and the cries of the injured vainly beseeching that they be extricated from the burning wreckage formed a terrible scene and many women on the platform fainted.

BIG SEIZURE OF STOGIES

Forty-Eight Thousand Stogies Seized at St. Louis For Being Improperly Stamped.

St. Louis, July 27.—Forty-eight thousand stogies shipped to St. Louis by three New York manufacturers, improperly stamped, have been seized by Collector Ben Westhus. The stogies arrived here in three lots. The first shipment, consisting of 10,000 stogies, was seized on Saturday in the depot of the Columbia Transfer Co. The second consignment, of 18,000 stogies, was taken, Monday, in the warehouse of the St. Louis Transfer Co. The third lot, consisting of 20,000 stogies, was found Wednesday in the freight depot of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, Cass avenue and Collins street.

WAS A MARKED DISTINCTION

Mr. Sato Comments on the Reception of Secretary Taft and Party in the Japanese Capital.

New York, July 29.—Mr. Sato, of the Japanese peace commission, commenting upon the reception to Secretary Taft in Tokyo, said he had read the reports with deep interest. The fact that the historic Chrysanthemum gardens had been thrown open to the secretary, Mr. Sato said, was indicative of the feeling toward Americans in Japan. "These gardens are almost sacred in our country," said Mr. Sato, "and this is the first time they have been opened to a foreign citizen. It is a marked distinction and honor. They are opened for our own people but twice a year."

GOOD MEN BEHIND THE GUNS

Most Remarkable Shooting Ever Made by a Squad of Men in the United States Army.

Chicago, July 29.—What is said by army officers to be the most remarkable shooting ever made by a squad of men in the United States army was recorded at Fort Sheridan, when 15 men out of a possible 23 made scores of over 400 out of a possible 500 in skirmish firing.

The high score of the day was made by Sgt. Abraham Hill, who made 178 out of a possible 200 in the skirmish firing, and 263 out of a possible 300 in the slow and rapid firing.

SEIZED ALL THE DOCUMENTS

Russian Police Seize All Documents Relating to the Recent Zemstvo Congress in Moscow.

Moscow, July 28.—The police visited the house of M. Golovin, president of the permanent bureau of zemstvo organization for the Moscow district, who presided at the recent all Russian Zemstvo congress, and also the house of M. Polner, secretary of the bureau. They seized all the documents relating to the proceedings of the congress.

Shot Wife and Killed Himself.

Longview, Tex., July 28.—Clem Summers, 20 miles from here, fatally wounded his wife by shooting, and then killed himself. His mind probably affected by wound received in the head in battle with bank robbers several years ago.

Wouldn't You Like to Own Him?

Duluth, Minn., July 28.—"Mack," a water spaniel, owned by Mrs. Frank Spindler, saved two children from drowning. He swam to struggling children, aged 7 and 11, and brought them to shore.

Planning Invasion of Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., July 28.—Following the visit of Mrs. Col. French, in charge of the Pacific coast division of the Salvation Army, it is semi-officially announced here that the army will soon begin a systematic invasion of Mexico.

Bride and Money Left Together.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 28.—Charles Smith, aged 74, a farmer, is looking for his bride of a month, who disappeared with a promissory note for \$4,000 and \$350 in cash.

FUNERAL OF ENSIGN PERRY

Services Held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in San Diego, Cal.

The Remains to Be Taken to Stockbridge, Mass.—Other Bodies May Be Sent Home.

San Diego, Cal., July 29.—At St. Paul's Episcopal church, Friday, was held the funeral of Ensign Newman K. Perry, the only officer who lost his life in the disaster on the gunboat Bennington. Rev. A. M. Richey was in charge, assisted by Bishop J. H. Johnson, of Los Angeles, and Chaplain Stone, of the flagship, Chicago. Commander Young and officers of the Bennington and of the Chicago, active and retired army officers, companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, officers of the naval reserves, city and federal officers and members of the chamber of commerce were present. The remains will be taken to Stockbridge, Mass., for interment.

The officials have discovered that after the Maine disaster congress enacted a law providing for the transmission of the bodies of dead sailors to their homes. Now Paymaster Morris is telegraphing to relatives of the dead sailors buried at Point Loma, that upon request the bodies will be disinterred and sent home at the expense of the government.

TAKES AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW

Bradstreet's Weekly Review Indicates Good Business Conditions Throughout the Country.

New York, July 29.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

Crop reports and fall trade advices are more unanimously favorable than at any preceding time this season. Confidence in the crop situation is reflected by good fall orders and a volume of wholesale and retail trade certainly in excess of a year ago and fully equal to the average at this season. Special activity is noted in cotton goods, which are in eager demand at high prices, with scarcity of desirable makes widely reported. Trade in woolen fabrics is good, confirmation of this being found in free buying by manufacturers of raw material at ruling high prices.

Reports from the shoe and clothing lines and from the lumber, hardware and other building material lines are generally satisfactory. A heavy movement of winter wheat has helped collections and developed more activity in flour milling in the southwest.

WAS JUST A MATTER OF MONEY

Matrimony Brought Back to the Foot of the Gallows, and a Matter of Money Saved Him.

Chicago, June 29.—Johann Hoch, just within the shadow of the gallows, was granted a reprieve, Friday, by Gov. Deneen. The modern Bluebeard, charged with killing 14 of his 60 alleged wives, among whom was a St. Louis woman, and convicted of killing one, was saved from hanging by Miss Cora Wilson, who appeared at the jail two hours before the time set for the execution, and said that money was available to take Hoch's case to the supreme court.

On the showing made, Gov. Deneen, on the recommendation of State's Attorney Healy, granted a reprieve of four weeks.

Hoch's attorney announced that he would at once prepare to appeal the case.

DELMAR TRACK IS CLOSED

The Owners Grow Tired of the Daily Raids, and Will Await Action of Supreme Court.

St. Louis, July 29.—The Delmar race track has been closed. This action was determined upon at a conference at which the Delmar Jockey club's attorneys advised that this course be taken until the supreme court passes upon the anti-racing law.

The attorneys said there was no way to stop the daily raids of the police.

At Jefferson City the state's attorney general has brought suit, in the supreme court, to annul the charter of the club.

OBJECT OF THAT INTERVIEW

The Kaiser, It Is Said, Would Like to Put a Hohenzollern Prince on Norway's Throne.

London, July 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Stockholm says: "The object of Emperor William's interview with Emperor Nicholas was to obtain consent of the latter for a prince of the house of Hohenzollern to ascend the throne of Norway. It is possible that the Russian emperor will consent, provided Russia be permitted to slightly rectify her frontier on the Atlantic."

Poor Fellow!

Guthrie, Okla., July 29.—W. E. Baker, of Shawnee, has been taken to the insane asylum. He believes that he is the father of 208 children, and that he was a third party candidate and defeated Roosevelt for president, and that he is entitled to that office.

One Thousand Negroes Arrested.

Burlington, Ia., July 29.—A thousand negroes, while holding an annual celebration, were arrested for violating the license law, they having neglected to procure a license to sell liquor. Bonds were furnished, and they were released.

Shot by His Brother-in-Law.

Savannah, Mo., July 29.—C. McKnow was shot by his brother-in-law, Will Parmon, west of Bolivar. His left eye has been removed and his left arm amputated, and he may recover. The shooting was the result of McKnow leaving his wife.

Banquet to William J. Bryan.

Madison, Wis., July 29.—Wisconsin democrats, to the number of 500, gave a banquet to W. J. Bryan Friday night. Several leading republicans were also present.

UNPRECEDENTED RAINFALL

Seven Inches of Water Fell Within Twelve Hours, Causing Reservoirs to Break.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 31.—Loss of life and immense damage to property followed the bursting of reservoirs north of this city as a result of an unprecedented fall of rain. The precipitation in a series of showers which struck across Connecticut reached a total of seven inches. The dam at Ward's mill at Easton went out, sending a great body of water down through the town of Trumbull. In a short time the dam at Paper Mill reservoir broke. There was no warning to people who lived on the banks of what is usually a small water course. The house occupied by John Lesco, his wife and several children was picked up by the flood and carried a mile below. The Lesco family were asleep at the time, but all were rescued after a perilous journey.

A house occupied by Michael Moran was hurled against the Berkshire bridge and smashed to kindling wood and it is believed that Moran was drowned. Police and firemen went to the rescue and saved several lives.

In North Bridgeport the water swept against the Barnum avenue bridge and wrecked it when an ice wagon was crossing it. In the wagon were William Kowczki and John Starkin. The wagon and horses were swept away and Kowczki was drowned. Starkin was able to swim ashore.

SATO SAYS HE DIDN'T SAY SO

Almar Sato, of the Japanese Peace Delegation, Says Reporters Have Been Misquoting Him.

New York, July 31.—Almar Sato, of the Japanese peace delegation, has made a statement in which he denies that he has ever, in any interview, given any outline of the terms upon which Japanese will negotiate peace, or that he has announced that Japan will make any demands whatever. Mr. Sato said:

"I wish it to be clearly understood that I have never given out anything that could be construed as a demand of the Japanese peace commission, or anything that could be taken as a condition upon which Japan would enter into negotiations for peace. I wish also to deny that I am the spokesman for Baron Komura. Sensational articles have been published which are fabrications, and in which I have been misquoted. I do not know upon what terms peace may be negotiated. I do not know what the Japanese envoys will consider as peace terms. I know of no humiliating or other demands."

VICTIMS OF LIGHTNING

Six Persons Killed and Twelve Prostrated During a Storm in New York and vicinity.

New York, July 31.—During a thunderstorm of terrific intensity which swept over New York, five persons were struck by lightning and instantly killed and nine were seriously injured at the Parkway baths, Coney Island. At the same time one man was killed and three others prostrated at Gravesend Beach.

Lightning struck at various points in the city. A store in Flushing avenue, Brooklyn, was burned and a car in Sixth avenue, Manhattan, was set on fire, but the occupants escaped unhurt. The electric light and the telephone wires in Bellevue hospital were struck several times, extinguishing all the lights and causing much alarm among the patients.

IMMIGRATION HIGH MARK

For First Time in History, More Than a Million Immigrants in Last Fiscal Year.

Washington, July 31.—The flood of foreign immigrants into the United States reached its highest level during the fiscal year just ended. For the first time in the history of the country more than 1,000,000 immigrants entered the United States within a period of 12 months, the total being 1,027,421. The previous banner year was 1903, when the total number was 867,046 immigrants.

More immigrants entered the United States in the past year than during the entire four years of 1894, 1895, 1897 and 1898.

WANTED, A NEW MASCOT

Missouri Jackies Looking For a Worthy Successor of Goat That Drank Paint.

New York, July 31.—The jackies of the battleship Missouri are looking for a mule for a mascot. Billy, the Missouri's goat, committed suicide two weeks ago by drinking paint. He had been reprimanded for insulting an officer.

The men think a mule would be appropriate, because Missouri is the native heath of that tough four-footed friend of man, indispensable in war and peace. The boys on shore have been holding up pedestrians and asking: "Do you own a mule?"

A Young Champion.

Oakland, Cal., July 31.—Channing Hall, who has just made a new world's interscholastic high jump record, is only 17 years of age, being a member of the Oakland high school. At a recent meet he cleared 6 feet 2 3/4 inches, truly a remarkable jump.

Pekin to Sell Race-track.

Pekin, Ill., July 31.—Because pool-selling is prohibited, the Pekin trotting association has declared off its September race meeting and decided to sell the mile race track and other lands.

Old Man and Big Roll Missing.

Chillicothe, Mo., July 31.—Peter Vans, a pioneer of Livingston county, disappeared from his home here with \$4,000, which he drew from a bank. He has not been heard from since. The police have searched without finding a trace of him. He is 69 years old.

Freight Clerk Charged With Theft.

Pine Bluff, Ark., July 31.—Claude Wood, freight and baggage clerk at the local Iron Mountain station, was placed in jail, charged with the theft of sundry pieces of freight.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Secretary Wilson Will Reorganize the Crop Statistics Bureau.

HE IS LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN

The Secretary Has No Intention of Resigning, But Will Continue to Build Up His Department of the Government.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Secretary Wilson will reorganize thoroughly the crop statistics bureau of the department of Agriculture. Already he is seeking men of character, standing and education to conduct the work of



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the bureau—men in whom the farmers and growers of the country will have implicit confidence, and who will place the reports of the bureau on a standard of excellence never heretofore achieved. One man he has found, although he does not at this time wish to publish his name. The other three he hopes to secure in a short time. Two of them will be southern men, and both will be experts in cotton and tobacco statistics. This, in brief, is one of the ideas which Secretary Wilson elucidated to President Roosevelt.

In response to invitations, twice extended, Secretary Wilson visited the president at Sagamore Hill.

Prior to his conference with the president, Secretary Wilson was not communicative. It was known that he had come to Oyster Bay to discuss with the president the situation in the department of agriculture as developed by the investigations now in progress in the bureau of statistics and of plant industry, but he declined to go into any details until he had talked with the president. In addition to the inquiry which is being made into the alleged irregularities which have developed, the secretary, on his own account, is making a rigid investigation of other bureaus of the department, his determination being absolutely to purge it of any taint of corruption. In his work, Secretary Wilson has the approval of the president, whose direction has been to eliminate every form of graft in the department.

At the conclusion of his conference, Secretary Wilson talked frankly about some phases of the work in his department. He was asked whether there was any likelihood of his early relinquishment of his portfolio as secretary of agriculture. He replied, after illustrating his position with a story:

"I have not been asked to go and I am not intending to resign. I am going to stick to my post and continue to build up that great department. You will recall that when I went there I found practically nothing but a few roll top desks and a half dozen half-starved scientists. Since that time we have built up an improved branch of the government. The agricultural department to-day is a great department, and I may say as sound as a nut. We are trying every day to make it better. Since I took charge of it, 279 people have been let out of its service for various reasons, many of them on charges of one kind or other. We make it a point to keep only first class men and women. The purpose of the investigations now in progress is to purge the department of all selfishness and corruption, and that end will be accomplished. It is my purpose, and it is the purpose of the president."

HIS OPINION OF OIL KING

The "Reformer" From Wisconsin Declares Rockefeller Greatest Criminal of the Age.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 1.—"John D. Rockefeller is the greatest criminal of the age."

Thus did Gov. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin denounce the richest man in the world in an address delivered at the state fair grounds, before the Illinois Baptist Chautauqua. The declaration was greeted with cheers.

Police Lieutenant a Suicide.

Quincy, Ill., Aug. 1.—Lieut. Michael H. Barry, of the Quincy police force, committed suicide by shooting. Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause.

The Utah Lands.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The secretary of the interior has designated Commissioner Richards, of the general land office; John Derr, of Utah, and Irving Howbert, of Colorado, to supervise the disposal of the lands of the Utah reservation in Utah.

Dropped Dead in Office.

St. Louis, Aug. 1.—Peter Daniels, 70 years old, for years a bookkeeper in the water commissioner's office at the city hall, dropped to the floor unconscious and died, just after receiving the check for his month's salary.

To Visit London in October.

London, Aug. 1.—The members of the Paris municipal government have accepted an invitation to visit London in October as guests of the London county council. During the visit they will hold a special business meeting.

A Contemplated Strike.

London, Aug. 1.—The Lancashire cotton operatives have been decided by an enormous majority, to strike on August 19 unless the advance of five per cent. in wages demanded by them is conceded.

JUST LIKE THE RUSSIANS

Could Not Let an Opportunity for Loot Escape Them.

Evidence of the Manner in Which the Rich Treasure at Port Arthur Disappeared.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—Advices from Japan bear out the report circulated by the returning Russian civil governor of Port Arthur that Gen. Stossel and officers surrendered the fortress in order to loot the large treasures, estimated at 30,000,000 rubles (\$15,000,000). These reports are given credence by stories from Japan of the lavish expenditure of the Russian officers and many private soldiers when prisoners.

There are nearly 70,000 of these prisoners, and recently a private soldier who attempted to escape had several hundred dollars in paper.

Many officers must have small fortunes in their possession, judging by the way they buy luxuries. They order champagne, vodka and claret by the case, and buy liberally of all choice foreign case goods and of all delicacies and fruits. Some have ordered pianos and other costly instruments with which to while away the tedious.

The story goes that this money came from the Port Arthur treasure, half of which was sent out in destroyers and reached Russia, but the remainder of which was divided among the garrison, only 2,000,000 rubles being found when the Japanese took possession.

THE BENNINGTON INQUIRY

Its Sessions Begun at San Diego, Cal., Under the Presidency of Commodore Stevenson, Retired.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 1.—The board of inquiry appointed by Admiral Goodrich to hear evidence pertaining to the disastrous boiler explosion on the gunboat Bennington, in San Diego harbor, on July 21, convened on board the flagship Chicago. It is understood that the sessions will be secret. The board consists of Commodore Holland N. Stevenson, retired, presiding officer; Capt. E. K. Moore of the Chicago and Capt. Thomas S. Phelps, Lieut. R. C. Moody, of the Chicago, judge advocate, whose duty it is to see that the facts are presented to the court.

It is probable that the work of the board of inquiry will require several days, possibly a week.

FIRE IN PACKING PLANT

Poultry Department and Beef Sheds of Swift Packing Plant at South St. Joseph, Mo., Burned.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 1.—Fire, which started in the beef sheds of Swift & Co.'s packing plant at South St. Joseph, completely destroyed the poultry department, which is said to be the largest in the world. The beef sheds are also entirely consumed.

The fire spread rapidly from the beef sheds to the poultry department and a